

4. Propitiate with pious praises  
the radiant AGNI,  
your guest, the guide to heaven, the  
invoker of the  
gods (at the sacrifice) of MANU, the  
celebrator of holy  
rites, the speaker of brilliant words like a  
learned  
sage, the hearer of oblations (to the gods),  
the lord,  
the divine.

5. (Propitiate him) who shines  
upon the earth with  
purifying and enlightening lustre, as the  
dawns with  
light; him, who like (a warrior)  
discomfiting (his  
foes) quickly blazed forth in the contest in  
defence of  
ETASA;<sup>1</sup> him, who is. satiated (with food),  
exempt  
from decay.

Titt|xviii. 6. Worship repeatedly the  
adorable AGNI with tuel;  
(him) who is ever your dear friend,  
your guest: ap-  
proach the immortal AGNI with  
praises, for he, a god

6. I glorify with praise the  
kindled AGNI, pure,  
purifying, permanent, (placed) before  
(us) at the  
sacrifice: let us celebrate with pleasant  
(hymns) the  
wise AGNI, the invoker of the gods, the  
adored of  
many, the benevolent, the far-seeing, him  
who knows  
all that exists.

7. Thee, AGNI, have gods and  
men in every age  
retained as their messenger, immortal  
bearer of obla-  
tions, beneficent, adorable: they have placed  
him with  
reverence (upon the altar), vigilant,  
pervading, the  
protector of mankind.

8. Showing grace, AGNI, to both  
(gods and men),

the oblation, *vdja*, or to *Bharadwdja*, by whom is  
offered, w/E,  
the oblation, *havya*.

<sup>1</sup> See.Tol. I. p. 165, verse 15: *Mahidkara*,  
*Yajiuuh*, 17.10.,  
explains *etata* by its other meaning, a horse, but  
his interpretation  
of the passage is not very distinct.